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SUBJECT: SUEZ CANAL REOPENING CEREMONIES

1. CAIRO PRESS JUNE 4 PROVIDED FOLLOWING INFORMATION
CONCERNING SUEZ CANAL REOPENING CEREMONIES SCHEDULED
IN PORT SAID AND ISMAILIA JUNE 5.

2. THE CEREMONY WILL START WITH A RECITAL FROM THE
HOLY KORAN. DEP PRIMIN/MINWAR GENERAL GAMASSY WILL
THEN DELIVER SPEECH AND PRESENT DOCUMENT AUTHORIZING
REOPENING OF CANAL TO PRESIDENT SADAT TO SIGN.
DOCUMENT WILL BE BROADCAST TO WHOLE WORLD IN FOUR
LANGUAGES AND WILL THEN BE HANDED BY GAMASSY TO
THE CHAIRMAN OF THE SUEZ CANAL AUTHORITY ENGINEER
MASHOUR AHMAD MAHSHOUR AS AUTHORITY FOR RETURN OF
CANAL TO CIVIL ADMINISTRATION AFTER
BEING UNDER ARMY SUPERVISION FOR
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GHT YEARS. PRESIDENT SADAT WILL ALSO SPEAK ON
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WORLD-WIDE BROADCAST.

3. CEREMONY WILL BE HELD BY ARMED FORCES AT A BIG
MARQUEE FACING GOVERNORATE BUILDING IN PORT SAID

AND WILL BE ATTENDED BY VICE PRES HOSNI MUBARAK, HIGH RANKING GOE OFFICIALS, ARAB DEFENSE MINISTERS, FOREIGN AMBASSADORS, MILITARY ATTACHES, COMMANDERS OF THE ARAB ARMED FORCES, REPRESENTATIVES OF MARI-TIME COMPANIES AND SOME MEMBERS OF THE UNITED NATIONS EMERGENCY FORCES. (SPECIAL GUESTS WILL DEPART CAIRO 0430 LOCAL TIME.)

4. ONCE REOPENING CEREMONY IS OVER AND CIVIL ADMINISTRATION TAKES OVER, NAVAL PROCESSION WILL TAKE PLACE WITH EGPTIAN DESTROYER "OCTOBER 6" LEADING THE WAY. ON BOARD WILL BE PRES SADAT, VICE PRES, CROWN PRINCE OF IRAN, PRIMIN, MIN OF WAR, CHAIRMAN OF SUEZ CANAL AUTHORITY, AND COMMANDERS OF THE ARMED FORCES CORPS WHICH PARTICIPATED IN THE OCTOBER WAR AS WELL AU A NUMBER OF WAR HEROES. AMBASSADORS AND OTHER INVITED GUESTS WILL EMBARK ON THE PASSENGER SHIP, "SYRIA". NAVAL PROCESSION WILL PROCEED THROUGH CANAL TO ISMAILIA AT APPROX 1100 ARRIVING AFTER SIX HOUR VOYAGE. SQUADRONS OF EGYPTIAN FIGHTERS WILL FLY OVER PROCESSION.

5. GOVERNOR OF ISMAILIA WILL MEET WILL MEET SADAT ON ARRIVAL AND PRESENT HIM WITH A SILVER PLATE AND GOLDEN KRAM AS GIFT FROM INHABITANTS OF ISMAILIA. GOVERNOR WILL THEN PRESENT IANIAN CROWN PRICE WITH KEY TO CITY.

6. SADAT AND THE PARTY ACCOMPANYING HIM WILL THEN GO TO THE SUEZ CANAL AUTHORITY BUILDING WHERE HE WILL UNVEIL MEMORIAL AT ENTRAIEAM PRES WILL SPEND THE NIGHT AT ISMAILIA, AND IN THE MORNING (JUNE 6) HE WILL VISIT THE MARTYRS' GRAVES AND THEN LEAVE BY AIR FOR SUEZ.
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